SUBJECT No. 179.

Free licenses for the removal of wood from private lands.

Messrs. Sabju Sab and Timma Setty of Mudgere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rule which requires that free licenses should be obtained for removing wood cut from occupied lands causes delay and hardship. It is therefore requested that the rule may be abolished.

Note.—At the meeting it was represented that stamp was levied on such applications.

Reply of Government.—No stamp is necessary on such applications, and it must be discontinued if levied in Mudgere Taluk.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Shanbhogs and patels to be empowered to issue free licenses for fuel.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present system of obtaining *Maphi* licenses for cart-loads of fuel from Amildars causes much inconvenience to raiyats. It is prayed that shanbhogs and patels of villages may be empowered to issue such licenses.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator of Forests says that printed copies have been distributed to Amildars. He will however be asked to ascertain and submit a special report in communication with the District Officers as to whether the Amildars have distributed them among the village officials and whether the latter are issuing them.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Constitution of Village Forests.

(1) Mr. T. Narasimha Iyengar, Member, Kadur District Board.
(2) Mr. Devappa, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) It is requested that Village Forests may be constituted for the benefit of the people.

(2) The raiyats of villages which have no jungles may have jungles allotted to them.

Reply of Government.—Rule 9 of Notification No. 245, dated 2nd October 1901, is sufficiently clear and requires no alteration.

For the grant of waste lands for planting trees the existing rules as lately revised are clear and sufficient.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Prohibiting the practice of cutting unreserved trees in district jungles for trade.

Mr. Suryanaranappa, Arkalgud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department, by itself or through agents, is cutting and disposing of by sale unreserved trees in the District Forests which are assigned by Government for fuel and Agricultural implements. These small jungles will be denuded of the unreserved trees rendering it a source of hardship to the raiyats. Orders may therefore be passed prohibiting the cutting and sale of such trees.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner's attention will be called to the desirability of preserving such forests. Felling of trees in gomals is improper.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Revision of Sandal Rules.

Mr. M. Anantharajaiya, City Municipality, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Sandal Rules may be so revised as to remove the hardship to private holders without any detriment to the State revenue.

Reply of Government.—The present rules cannot be modified. After very careful consideration it has recently